

2013-14 Quota Hunts

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2013-14 DEER QUOTA HUNT CHOICES

Hunt Choices	Dates	# of Slots	# of 2012 Applicants	Hunt Remarks
(Hunts are for either sex deer unless otherwise noted)				
1 Ballard	Nov. 2-3	150	1,080	Minimum 15 inch outside antler spread
2 Beaver Creek	Nov. 2-3	330	405	Limit 1 during quota hunt.
3 Big Rivers WMA & State Forest	Nov. 9-10	40	238	
4 Clay	Nov. 2-3	165	819	Limit 4 during quota hunt. Hunters awarded 1 preference point for each female deer harvested
5 Fishtrap Lake	Nov. 23-24	200	311	Limit 1 during quota hunt.
6 Greenbo Lake SRP	Jan. 7-8, 2014	90	107	
7 Green River Lake & Dennis-Gray	Nov. 2-3	400	764	Minimum 15 inch outside antler spread
8 Green River Lake Mobility-Impaired	Nov. 2-3	15	7	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired Minimum 15 inch outside antler spread

9 Green River Lake State Park #1	Dec. 12-15	55	172	Archery/Crossbow only. No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken. Minimum 15 inch outside antler spread
10 Green River Lake State Park #2	Dec. 19-22	55	80	Archery/Crossbow only. No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken. Minimum 15 inch outside antler spread
11 Kleber & Rich #1	Nov. 2-3	175	507	
12 Kleber & Rich #2	Dec. 7-8	175	233	
13 Lake Barkley SRP	Jan. 7-8, 2014	75	199	
14 Marion Co. WMA & State Forest #1	Nov. 9-13	25	48	No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken.
15 Marion Co. WMA & State Forest #2	Nov. 14-18	25	30	No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken.
16 Mill Creek	Nov. 2-3	350	367	Limit 1 during quota hunt
17 Otter Creek ORA #1	Nov. 16-17	15	121	User permit required
18 Otter Creek ORA #2	Dec. 14-15	15	91	User permit required
19 Paintsville Lake	Nov. 2-3	300	449	Minimum 15 inch outside antler spread
20 Pennyryle State Forest & Tradewater WMA	Nov. 2-3	300	553	Minimum 15 inch outside antler spread
21 Taylorsville Lake WMA #1*	Nov. 2-3	268	344	Antlerless deer only
22 Taylorsville Lake WMA Mobility-Impaired #1*	Nov. 2-3	7	10	Antlerless deer only. Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired
23 Taylorsville Lake WMA # 2	Dec. 7-8	268	606	
24 Taylorsville Lake WMA Mobility-Impaired #2	Dec. 7-8	7	16	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired

25 Taylorsville Lake WMA #3	Jan. 4-5, 2014	268	310	
26 Taylorsville Lake WMA Mobility-Impaired #3	Jan. 4-5, 2014	7	5	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired
27 Veterans Memorial	Nov. 2-3	60	884	Check in and out required
28 West Ky	Nov. 23-27	240	255	Shotgun and Muzzleloader only. Minimum 15 inch outside antler spread
29 Twin Knobs Mobility-Impaired	Dec. 14	12	19	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired on alternate years

*Hunters awarded 1 preference point for each female deer harvested (although no more than a maximum of 4 points can be earned)

Antlered deer taken during quota hunts count against the statewide limit of one antlered deer per hunter, per season.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Any resident or nonresident hunter may apply for a deer quota hunt. Only the person(s) successfully drawn for quota hunts may hunt. Substitutions are not allowed.

Before you apply, it is best to review the Deer Quota Hunt Choices chart and Special Instructions for Quota Deer Hunts for hunt dates and other important details about particular hunts.

Any legal deer hunting equipment is permitted during a quota hunt unless otherwise stated in the Special Instructions section.

During hunts where firearms are permitted, hunters must comply with Kentucky's hunter orange clothing law.

Harvested deer must be recorded and reported for each hunt as noted in the Special Instructions section.

On hunts where an antler spread limit is in effect, hunters who take bucks under the 15-inch minimum outside spread limit will be ineligible to apply for a quota hunt the following season, and are subject to citation and having their deer confiscated.

Hunters who do not comply with quota hunt requirements are ineligible to apply for any quota hunt the following year (including deer, pheasant, wild quail, upland bird and waterfowl), and will lose any accumulated preference points.

Statewide licensing requirements apply to quota hunters. Hunters must use their statewide deer permit or an additional deer permit.

During all quota hunts, the West Kentucky WMA Open Gun Deer Hunt and the Grayson Lake WMA Open Youth Deer Hunt, only persons participating in these hunts will be allowed to enter the WMA, except to use established public roads or areas designated open by signs. Waterfowl hunting may also be open on some areas.

Hunters must get permission from private landowners before crossing private property to access any quota hunt area or to retrieve downed deer from private property. Quota hunters must respect the property rights of adjacent landowners and not trespass.

Scouting and set-up of portable tree stands is permitted prior to hunts any time these areas are open. Portable tree stands and climbing devices that do not injure trees may be used. Baiting is prohibited on state parks and WMAs. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife handles the application and random drawing selection only for the WMAs it owns or operates.

Drawings for quota hunts on areas not owned or operated by the department are conducted by the governing agencies of the lands. To apply for these hunts contact them directly. Telephone numbers are listed in the Public Land Hunting information on this website.

Prior to quota hunts, hunters can obtain information by calling 1-800-858-1549. Also, see Special Instructions for Quota Deer Hunts for the details of specific hunts.

Maps of WMAs, which show roads, parking areas, WMA offices and check stations, may be printed off this website. Click on Maps and Online Services, then Wildlife Management Areas/Public Hunting Areas.

Owners of private inholdings (private property completely surrounded by WMA lands) or their guests may travel within the owner's lands, but may not enter the WMA except as described above. Hunt area maps and quota hunt information will be available when hunters check in for quota hunts.

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

The application period is September 1-30 only. Hunters may apply for any or all of these quota hunts at the same time via this website or by calling 1-877-598-2401.

Here's a checklist of the information needed when applying online or over the telephone:

- A Social Security number for each hunter in the party. The hunter who calls in the application will be responsible for paying \$3 per Social Security number entered. Application fees are nonrefundable.
- The area and date for which an individual or party of hunters in applying.
- One of the following payment methods: Visa and Mastercard (credit or debit), Discover, or e-check. Only one e-check will be accepted for group applications.
- After all of the information requested has been provided applicants will receive a confirmation number. Write this number down for later reference.

The results of the draw will be posted in early October. Applicants may also call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) at 1-800-858-1549 at this time and provide either their confirmation number or Social Security number to find out if they were drawn.

Applicants will be given the option to pick a first and second hunt choice, but may be drawn to participate in only one quota hunt. The non-refundable fee is \$3 per hunter to apply.

Each hunter who applies correctly, but isn't selected, will receive a preference point that increases the odds of being drawn next year (assuming the hunter applies the following year). Unselected hunters who do not apply the

following year will lose all previously credited preference points. To prevent the loss of accumulated preference points, a hunter must apply every year.

If the hunter does not want to be drawn this year, select the “no hunt” option. The \$3 application fee is required even if the “no hunt” option is selected. This option helps hunters keep the preference points earned over a number of years. Applicants are selected based on individual preference points.

Up to five people can apply together. If any one of the group’s Social Security numbers is drawn, the others in the group are automatically drawn, too.

Hunters drawn for a Taylorsville Lake WMA antlerless-only quota hunt will lose accumulated preference points. Quota hunters at Clay WMA and Taylorsville Lake WMA (Hunt # 1 and Mobility-Impaired Hunt # 1 only) will receive one preference point for each female deer harvested. Up to four preference points may be awarded, for use in the following year’s quota hunt application. However, unless they select the “No Hunt” option, hunters who do not apply the following year will lose all accumulated preference points.

CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUOTA DEER HUNTERS

All quota deer hunters must check in at the designated check station prior to hunting, either on the day before the hunt, between noon and 8 p.m. local time, or on the day of the hunt, between 5:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Eastern time.

All quota deer hunters must check out at the designated check station if finished hunting, if the hunter’s bag limit is reached, or by 8 p.m. Eastern time on the final day of the hunt.

Harvested deer must be taken to the designated check station by 8 p.m. Eastern time the day the deer was harvested.

Hunters in the West Kentucky WMA quota and open gun hunts must check in daily.

Quota hunters in the Green River Lake State Park Archery/Crossbow-Only, and Marion County WMA & State Forest quota hunts are not required to check in or check out, but must telecheck harvested deer.

At check-in, quota deer hunters must show the following:

- Their Social Security number or hunt confirmation number.
- A valid Kentucky hunting license and deer permit, if license required.
- A hunter education card or temporary hunter education exemption permit if required.
- If a quota hunter has already taken two deer with the statewide deer permit, he or she must have a valid additional deer permit in possession while hunting.
- Persons checking in for a mobility- impaired hunt must present a department-issued WMA mobility impaired access permit, obtained prior to the hunt.

Landowner license exemptions do not apply when on a quota hunt. Hunters who fail to check out, when required, or who violate other hunt requirements will be blocked from applying for any quota hunt next year, and will lose any accumulated preference points.

Q: If a hunter is drawn for a second hunt choice, are preference points retained?

A: No. When a hunter is drawn for a quota hunt, all previously credited preference points are lost, even if drawn for the second choice hunt.

Watch the clock

Check-in and check-out times for WMA quota hunts are:

- Day before hunt: Noon – 8 p.m. local time
- Hunt days: 5:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. Eastern, 4:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. Central, depending on WMA location. (Green River Lake WMA is considered in the Eastern Time Zone).

Follow the rules

Hunters who do not comply with quota hunt requirements are ineligible to apply for any quota hunt the following year (including deer, pheasant, quail, upland bird and waterfowl), and will lose any accumulated preference points.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUOTA DEER HUNTS

Unless otherwise stated below, hunters may take up to two (2) deer during a quota hunt. Antlered deer count towards the statewide limit. Drawn quota deer hunters should read this entire page to check restrictions on their quota hunt.

15-INCH ANTLER SPREAD RESTRICTIONS

Please read the deer regulations carefully.

A 15-inch antler spread restriction is in effect for some quota deer hunts. When judging antler size in the field, a good indication of a 15-inch spread is when the antlers extend beyond the width of the ears.

Hunters participating in the Ballard, Green River Lake and Dennis-Gray, Green River Lake Mobility- Impaired, Green River Lake State Park, Paintsville Lake, Pennyriple State Forest & Tradewater and West Kentucky quota hunts, and the West Kentucky open gun hunt, can not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches.

BAG LIMIT

- The limit for hunts on Beaver Creek, Fishtrap Lake, and Mill Creek WMAs is one deer per hunter, which may be either sex.
- On WMAs in Zone 1 counties, hunters may harvest more than one deer per day during quota hunts. Hunters may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer, provided they have purchased Additional Deer Permits, on Ballard WMA, Dr. James R. Rich WMA, John A. Kleber WMA, Pennyriple State Forest, Taylorsville Lake WMA, Tradewater WMA, Veterans Memorial WMA and West Kentucky WMA.

Additionally, hunters participating in the Lake Barkley State Resort Park quota deer hunt (in Zone 1 Trigg County), may harvest more than one deer per day, and may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer, provided they have

purchased Additional Deer Permits. On all other WMA quota hunts (except Beaver Creek, Fishtrap Lake and Mill Creek) hunters may take two (2) deer, only one of which may be antlered.

MOBILITY-IMPAIRED QUOTA HUNTS

Persons with one of the following physical conditions are eligible to apply for a mobility-impaired quota hunt. At check in, drawn hunters must show a WMA Mobility-Impaired Access Permit, available in advance of the hunt date from the department.

- Has permanent paralysis of at least one (1) leg;
- Has at least one (1) foot amputated;
- Is permanently confined to a wheelchair or must use crutches or a walker as a means of support to pursue daily activities;
- Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced respiratory expiratory volume for one (1) second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one (1) liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty (60) mm/Hg on room air at rest;
- Requires portable oxygen;
- Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class 3 or Class 4 according to standards set by the American Heart Association; or
- Has a diagnosed disease which creates severe mobility impairment.

MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HUNTS

- The Green River Lake, Taylorsville Lake WMA and Zilpo-Twin Knobs Campgrounds Mobility – Impaired quota hunts are limited to persons who are mobility-impaired and meet the eligibility requirements as previously outlined.

Drawn hunters may be accompanied by another person, but that person will not be permitted to hunt.

- Hunters participating in the Taylorsville Lake WMA mobility-impaired quota hunts may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer, provided they have purchased Additional Deer permits.
- Zilpo-Twin Knobs Campgrounds: Quota hunt is on Twin Knobs in odd years and Zilpo in even years. Check-in for the hunt is upon hunter arrival the day of the hunt from 5:30 a.m. until close of the legal hunting time. All hunters will be escorted to designated stand locations from which they will be required to hunt unless otherwise informed by hunt management personnel. Hunter stand locations will be assigned by random drawing at check-in. Vehicular access to the campgrounds for scouting prior to the hunt is not permitted.

GRAYSON LAKE WMA OPEN YOUTH HUNT

- The designated scouting day for the Grayson Lake WMA open youth hunt is the Friday preceding the hunt. On this day, vehicles will be permitted within the hunt area between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for youths (and their accompanying adults) registered for the hunt. Department personnel will be available at the check station 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. to answer questions and provide additional information. Scouting is permitted on other days prior to the hunt, but access is by walk-in or boat only.

WEST KENTUCKY WMA RESTRICTIONS

- On West Kentucky WMA, Tracts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are the only areas quota and open gun hunters are allowed to deer hunt. At check-in prior to each day's hunt, hunters must choose a hunting tract and will not be allowed to hunt outside that tract. Shotguns used with slugs or muzzleloaders are the only firearms that may be used to take deer anywhere on this area.

QUOTA DEER HUNTS ON STATE PARKS

- To spread hunting pressure over these parks, and to make getting harvested deer out of the woods easier, hunters are encouraged to use boats to access more remote portions of the hunt areas. State park boat ramps will be open for use during quota hunts.
- Areas within these parks that are off limits to hunting (such as lodges, campgrounds, employees' residences, maintenance compounds, ranger stations, water treatment plants, picnic areas and marinas/boat ramps) are marked with signs and/or flagging tape or are indicated on hunt maps. Additionally, there is to be no hunting within 100 yards of a maintained road or building.
- Portable stands and tree climbers may be placed in trees no earlier than 24 hours before the start of the hunt, and must be removed within 24 hours of its conclusion. Tree stands must not be left unattended for more than 24 hours.

Small Game Quota Hunts

Application Directions

There are no mail-in applications.

Hunters may apply online or over the telephone at 1-877-598-2401 for small game quota hunts.

Applications are taken 24 hours a day, from Sept. 1-30 only. The non-refundable application fee is \$3 per hunter.

Group applications are accepted, and hunters may apply together. If any one of the group's Social Security numbers is drawn, the others in the group are automatically drawn, too.

Here's a checklist of the information needed when applying online or over the telephone:

A Social Security number for each hunter in the party. The hunter who calls in the application will be responsible for paying \$3 per Social Security number entered. Application fees are nonrefundable.

The area and date for which an individual or party of hunters in applying.

One of the following payment methods: Visa and Mastercard (credit or debit), Discover, or e-check. Only one e-check will be accepted for group applications.

After all of the information requested has been provided applicants will receive a confirmation number. Write this number down for later reference. The results of the draw will be posted in early October.

Applicants may also call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) at 1-800-858-1549 at this time and provide either their confirmation number or Social Security number to find out if they were drawn.

Preference Points

Each hunter who applies correctly, but isn't selected, will receive a preference point that increases the odds of being drawn next year (assuming the hunter applies the following year). Unselected hunters who do not apply the following year will lose all previously credited preference points. To prevent the loss of accumulated preference points, a hunter must apply every year.

If the hunter does not want to be drawn that year, select a "no hunt" option. The \$3 application fee is required even if the "no hunt"

option is selected. This option helps hunters keep the preference points earned over a number of years. Applicants are selected based on individual preference points.

Pheasant Quota Hunts

An individual may only apply for one pheasant quota hunt, and hunters may not be drawn for more than one hunt day. Up to five people may apply as a group for a single hunt. Applicants will be given a first, second and third choice of hunt dates, or may apply for any available date.

Hunters under 16 years old who apply for a pheasant hunt must do so as part of a party that includes at least one adult.

Quota pheasant hunts are offered at:

Yellowbank WMA (100 hunters per hunt) on Dec. 13, 14, and 15, 2013

Green River Lake WMA (100 hunters per hunt) on Nov. 15, 16, and 17, 2013

Clay WMA (70 hunters per hunt) on Dec. 6, 7, and 8, 2013

Advance application by phone is required.

Each day's quota hunt will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. local time.

Equipment legal for hunting other small game species is permitted during these hunts. Dogs are permitted. The daily bag (hunt) limit is two birds of either sex per hunter.

Rabbit, quail and squirrel hunting is closed on Green River Lake WMA Nov. 15-18, 2013, and Yellowbank WMA Dec. 13-16, 2013.

Rabbit, quail, squirrel and grouse hunting is closed on Clay WMA Dec. 6-9, 2013. Only hunters with a pheasant quota hunt permit may take pheasants during the quota hunt, or on the day following the last quota hunt day.

Requirements for Drawn Quota Pheasant Hunters

All quota pheasant hunters must carry while hunting:

1. A pheasant quota hunt permit, which may be purchased online with a credit or debit card, or from any license vendor. Pheasant quota hunt permits are \$25, and may be purchased anytime before the hunt.
2. Proof of a Kentucky hunting license
3. Form of identification
4. A hunter education card or temporary hunter education exemption permit if required under the Kentucky hunter education law.

NOTE: All drawn pheasant hunters must purchase their \$25 pheasant hunt permit. Individuals failing to comply with this requirement will be automatically excluded from all ([excluding elk](#)) of the following year's quota hunts (including loss of preference points).

Hunter Orange

All hunters and persons accompanying them on pheasant quota hunts are required to wear solid, unbroken hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest.

Bonus Hunt Days

The day following the final pheasant quota hunt on each WMA is reserved as a free, bonus hunt day for drawn pheasant quota hunt permit holders.

Therefore: only hunters who possess a permit for a Yellowbank WMA quota pheasant hunt may hunt pheasants on Yellowbank WMA on Monday, Dec. 16, 2013; only hunters who possess a permit for a Green River Lake WMA quota pheasant hunt may hunt pheasants on Green River Lake WMA on Monday, Nov. 18, 2013, and only hunters who possess a permit for a Clay WMA quota pheasant hunt may hunt pheasants on Clay WMA on Monday, Dec. 9, 2013.

No additional fee will be charged for the bonus hunt day, but quota hunters must carry their pheasant hunt permit, hunting license and wear hunter orange clothing as required during their previous hunt. The daily bag limit for bonus hunt days is three birds per hunter.

See the Yellowbank WMA, Green River Lake WMA and Clay WMA listings in the Public Land Hunting section for season dates and limits for the open pheasant season following the bonus hunt day.

Wild Quail Quota Hunts

Quota hunts for wild quail are offered on the Ken Unit of Peabody WMA.

There are six (6) 1-day hunts.

One quota hunt is reserved as a Mentor quota hunt. Mentor hunt party must consist of at least one hunter 15 years or younger and one adult.

Hunt parties are limited to a maximum of three (3) participants each. Hunt parties may apply for up to three quail quota hunts, but will be drawn for only one hunt.

The dates of the quota hunts for wild quail are Nov. 23 (mentor), Nov. 26, Dec. 24, Jan. 4, 2014, Jan. 11, 2014, and Jan. 21, 2014.

A stand-by drawing is held each hunt day at 9 a.m. local time to fill spots left by drawn hunters who do not show up to hunt. Call the Peabody WMA office at (270) 476-1889 for more information.

The total bag limit for each hunt is four (4) quail per hunter. Each day's quota hunt will begin at one-half hour before sunrise and conclude at 2 p.m. local time.

Each hunting party will only have access to a designated portion of one of the units, and will receive a map of the area after they are drawn.

Hunters will also receive a hunting log (survey) and must return the completed log to the department within seven (7) days after their hunt. Drawn hunters must submit a log even if they do not hunt. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the following year's quota hunt drawings for all species except elk, and the loss of preference points.

Each hunter who applies correctly, but isn't selected, will receive a preference point that increases the odds of being drawn next year (assuming the hunter applies the following year). Unselected hunters who do not apply the following year will lose all previously credited preference points. Applicants are selected based on individual preference points. For those who apply as a group, if any one of the group's Social Security numbers is drawn, the others in the group are automatically drawn, too.

An open wild quail hunt will be held on the Sinclair Unit of Peabody WMA, during quail season. The shooting hours, Monday through Saturday, are 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., local time; closed on Sundays. Hunters must check in and check out at the Peabody WMA office, and a hunting log must be visibly displayed on the dashboard of the hunter's vehicle. Hunters must follow statewide regulations for quail bag limits.

Upland Bird Quota Hunts

Upland bird quota hunts (for wild grouse, wild quail and woodcock) are offered on Clay WMA. There are four (4) 1-day quota hunts offered.

Hunt parties are limited to a maximum of three (3) participants each. Hunt parties may apply for up to three upland bird quota hunts, but will be drawn for only one hunt.

Upland bird quota hunt dates are Nov. 6, Nov. 17, Dec. 8 and Dec. 17, 2013.

Bag limits for each hunt are four (4) grouse and four (4) quail per hunter. Hunters may also harvest woodcock according to statewide regulations established in 301 KAR 2:225 and explained in the Kentucky Hunting Guide for dove and early migratory bird seasons.

Each day's quota hunt will begin at one-half hour before sunrise and conclude at 2 p.m. local time.

Each hunting party will only have access to a designated portion of the WMA. Hunters will also receive a hunting log (survey) and must return the completed log to the department within seven (7) days after their hunt. Drawn hunters must submit a log even if they do not hunt. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the following year's quota hunt drawings for all species except elk.

Preference points are awarded for unselected Clay WMA upland bird quota hunt applicants.

Migratory Bird Quota Hunts

There are no mail-in applications.

Hunters may apply online or over the telephone at 1-877-598-2401 for waterfowl quota hunts on Ballard and Sloughs WMAs.

Applications are taken 24 hours a day, from Sept. 1-30 only. The non-refundable application fee is \$3 per hunter.

For quota waterfowl hunts on Ballard WMA, a hunter will be prompted for their first choice of two individual hunt dates. They will also be able to select two additional dates as their second choice.

For quota waterfowl hunts on Sloughs WMA, a hunter can specify a first and second choice of hunt periods. Each period represents a group of days (Monday - Tuesday, Wednesday - Thursday, Friday - Sunday).

Hunters may apply for both Ballard and Sloughs WMAs, but will be drawn for a maximum of one hunt per area. No group applications are accepted.

Permits are not transferable. The person successfully drawn for a quota hunt must be present to hunt. The successful applicant may take up to three guests. The names of guests are not required when applying.

Here's a checklist of the information needed when applying online or over the telephone:

- A Social Security number.

- The \$3 application fee (for each hunt).

- The area and date for which the individual is applying.

- One of the following payment methods: Visa and Mastercard (credit or debit), Discover, or e-check.

After all of the information requested has been provided applicants will receive a confirmation number. Write this number down for later reference. The results of the draw will be posted online.

Applicants may also call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) at 1-800-858-1549 and provide either

their confirmation number or Social Security number to find out if they were drawn.

Waterfowl quota hunt dates and other instructions will be posted online in early September, and will be available from the department's Information Center at 1-800-858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time.

Mourning Dove Mentor Hunts

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) governs migratory bird and waterfowl hunting. Season dates for these species are finalized in August, which is too late to be included in this guide.

However, the first portion of the Kentucky dove season usually opens September 1 each year and runs through late October.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife offers youth hunters and an accompanying adult the opportunity to participate in Mentor Dove Hunts on a limited number of public fields. Call the department's Information Center (1-800-858-1549) weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m EDT beginning August 12 to sign up, and reserve a spot for these hunts. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis until the designated spaces are filled. Other than statewide licensing requirements, no additional hunt permits are required.

Locations of mentor hunts will be published in the 2013 Kentucky Hunting Guide for dove and early migratory bird seasons, and will also be available online and from the department's Information Center.